



City Council of Royse City, Texas

MINUTES-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Police and Courts Building, 100 West Main Street
Royse City, Texas

A. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM BY MAYOR BALEY

Members Present: Mayor, Jerrell Baley
Council Member Place 1, Janet Nichol, Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member Place 2, Clay Ellis
Council Member Place 3, Bill Bell
Council Member Place 4, Matt Wheatley
Council Member Place 5, James Branch
Council Member, Place 6, Tom Crowley

Staff Present: City Manager, Carl Alsabrook
City Attorney, Jason Day
City Secretary, Brenda Craft
Asst. City Secretary, Julia Riley
Ex. Director of Development & Community Services, Janet McPherson
CFO, Joe Stegall
Fire Chief, Richard Bell
Police Chief, Jeff Stapleton
Main St Manager, Paula Morris
Public Works Director, Dario Lopez
Sr. Project Manager, Thomas Fry
Ex. Director of Community Development Corp., Larry Lott

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Council Member Crowley.

C. ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rockwall County Commissioner Precinct 3 Dennis Bailey: Presentation regarding update on Rockwall County Radio Communications relating to the City of Royse City and the County: Commissioner Bailey – Sheriff Harold Evanson has been concerned with the county coverage and the frequency used. Statewide in 2016 all municipalities and emergency responders radios must go to 700 megahertz. County responded with all entities within Rockwall County meeting to discuss the coverage, frequency and dispatch center issues. A lot of interest in the preliminary discussions lean toward a consolidated dispatch center, being on jail property, with all being on the same system. Currently City of Rockwall is on the CAD system. Systems could be leased to the county or purchased by the county with an Interlocal Agreement between the city and the county for a fee, could be per call, not sure. These preliminary meetings will take these issues through the purchase of mobile units, hand-held units and towers that are needed. Commissioners Court today approved a letter of intent (not a binding contract) to be sent to the entities

of Rockwall County (including Police Dept's, Fire Dept's and EMS) with questions of concern from each entity to be returned to the Commissioners Court within 30 days. Cost for Rockwall County and City of Royse City alone would be around 3 million, adding in all the other entities would be around 10-11 million.

Council Member Branch: Positive feedback from other entities? **Commissioner Bailey:** yes but some issues to resolve. **Council Member Bell:** Bring it on – there are about 5 bad spots in the county regarding coverage. **Commissioner Bailey:** County wants a 95% reliable range wherever anyone goes in the county. **Council Member Crowley:** VHF is the longer range? **Commissioner Bailey:** Yes, Fire Dept's love the VHF system best because you can migrate in and out of buildings with no loss of coverage. **Council Member Branch:** Great idea. **Mr. Day:** Will the proposed system reach our first responders and citizens that will travel to or live in Hunt and Collin Counties? **Commissioner Bailey:** Will make sure that question is proposed. System will reach areas when leaving Rockwall County and traveling, for example, to Garland or Mesquite, but will make sure question is answered. **Council Member Branch:** Any tax increase proposed? **Commissioner Bailey:** For Rockwall County and the City of Royse City current remaining bond funds could be used but if all entities of the county are on board a bond issue is an option. **Mr. Alsbrook:** The radio communication issues have been a long time coming, could have first come to light about 16-18 years ago. Commend the Sheriff and Commissioners for their support.

D. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - none

This Period is reserved for citizens to discuss items not listed on the listed Agenda, (persons may have three (3) minutes to address the council) however, by law, no action or discussion may be taken on these items.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

All items under Consent Agenda Minutes are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Minutes – City Council Regular Meetings – February 11, 2014 and February 25, 2014

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

F. BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning financials of March 2014 Cash Flow/Debt Service and February 2014 Budget Variance Report/Expenditures/Revenue and Cash Analysis, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Stegall: Healthy surplus, 91% Property Tax received, Sales Tax received \$70,000 over last year, 7% more than budget. Water and Sewer surplus down because bonds were paid in February.

2. Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject.

Steven Adams, Managing Director of Specialized Public Finance: Refunding of Royse City's portion of the 2001 North Texas Municipal Water District Bonds and the 2005 Bonds, savings of estimated \$351,636 in interest, authorizing signing of all

documents. Will present bids to council at later date. No new debt just changing the name of Royse City's portion of the NTMWD bond to Royse City. **Council Member Branch:** Savings of 3.25%.

Motion was made by Council Member Ellis, second by Council Member Bell to approve adoption of an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bonds; approving the official statement; providing an effective date; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject, approving the signing of all documents related thereto. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

3. Consider and act concerning the re-appointment of Darwin Whiteside to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors (term June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016), and any matters related thereto.

Ms. Craft: Mr. Whiteside would like to be appointed to another two-year term as a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Council Member bell, second by Council Member Wheatley to re-appoint Darwin Whiteside to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors (term June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016). **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

4. Consider and act concerning a Resolution setting dates, times and place for public hearings concerning voluntary annexation of 5.500 acres, more or less, in the J.W. Beckton Survey, Abstract No. 91, Tract 1-1, and any matters related thereto.

Mr. Day: Property west of water tower, close to Verandah subdivision.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Wheatley to approve a Resolution setting dates, times and place for public hearings concerning voluntary annexation of 5.500 acres, more or less, in the J.W. Beckton Survey, Abstract No. 91, Tract 1-1. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

5. Consider and act concerning reforming the Library Advisory Board, and any matters related thereto. (Council Member Crowley)

Mr. Alsabrook: Library oversees the Museum, cross trained.

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Crowley to reform the Library Advisory Board. **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

6. Consider and act concerning forming the Cultural Arts Advisory Board, combination of Library, Arts and Museum), and any matters related thereto. (Mayor Pro Tem Nichol)

Motion was made by Council Member Bell, second by Council Member Wheatley to form the Cultural Arts Advisory Board (to include the reformed Library Advisory Board, Museum and Arts). **Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions.**

7. Discussions concerning City Manager Carl Alsabrook update: Erby Campbell Interchange Project, City Lake Park Community Build, and any matters related thereto.

Erby Campbell Interchange Project: Southside work, panels going up, completion date still 2015.

City Lake Park Community Build: Park equipment going in at City Lake Park, crew from vendor where equipment purchased out at park today to complete the installation. Would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in the Community Build: Members of the Royse City Masonic Lodge, Parks and Recreation Board, 12 Royse City football players and Coach Petroff and Coach Jayroe along with Food and Hydration supplied by: Royse City Lions Club, Texas Title, Arbor House of Rockwall, Scooter's Oil & Lube, Re/Max of Royse City, Brad Baker (Chiropractor) and Domino's.

G. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AT 7:41 PM

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM

Recess into Closed Session in compliance with Section the Texas Government Code, to wit:

1. Section 551.071. Private consultation with the City Attorney:
 - a. Discussion regarding possible legal action/position concerning Caddo Mills annexation, if necessary direction from council.
 - b. Consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal annexation issues.

I. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:07 PM

J. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:08 PM

No action as result of executive session.

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and/or action to determine and direct City Staff in scheduling topics for discussion at future City Council Meetings, and any matters related thereto.

L. ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM

Motion was made by Council Member Branch, second by Council Member Crowley to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Adjournment unanimous at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:


Brenda Craft, City Secretary


Jerrell Baley, Mayor